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UNIT PLAN

Rev. N. F. Sanderson of Martinez has been selected as the Northern California chairman for the campaign to raise thirty units for maintaining the Original Plan annuities. At the General Council at Durham, the laymen who were present decided that they did not want the annuities for our aged ministers and their widows who are on the Original Plan to be reduced, neither did they want the resources of the missionary Boards to be cut into to the extent necessary to maintain those annuities and thereby bring serious curtailment of our work. Consequently, they volunteered to sponsor a movement to ask 1200 Congregationalists to be responsible for maintaining the annuities of 1200 ministers, which would require \$100 each. Northern California was assigned thirty units, and our Laymen's Commission heartily endorsed the plan.

There was delay due to the death of John H. Kimball, who had agreed to be the chairman, but now Mr. Sanderson, who is an ordained minister and was for many years pastor in this Conference but has been for a considerable time a faithful and effective layman in the Martinez church, has taken over and is pushing the campaign with vigor. The Pacific and the Conference office commend Mr. Sanderson to the cooperation of our people.

REV. VERDETTE WALTERS, Y. P. COUNSELLOR

Rev. Verdetta Walters of Martinez, at the invitation of the Conference Board of Directors, has been given permission by his own church board to serve as adviser and coordinator for young people's work of the Conference for the next few months. The Conference Board has been studying the matter of a field worker since the resignation of Rev. E. T. Sherman. It has not seen its way clear to make a decision due partly to uncertainty regarding gas rationing and partly to the giving of careful consideration to the type of work most needed now by the Conference. There is a determination not to permit the young people's work to suffer, hence the temporary arrangement with Mr. Walters. Conferences and correspondence will be had immediately looking toward the planning of the programs for next summer's institutes.

WANTED

Pacific School of Religion wants copies of the programs of the Pastoral Conferences of 1931 and 1935; the Pacific, 1898, Nos. 23-29, 31, 33, 42 and 44; all Seminary News Letters except Vol. I:1-6; Vol. II 1-3, 7; Vol. III:6; Vol. IV:1; and wishes information regarding the whereabouts of the early minute books of the Monday Meetings of Congregational Ministers of the Bay Area, and also the minute books of the Edwards Club. Kindly communicate information to Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 28-30—Mid-winter Conference of Pilgrim Fellowship, First Congregational Church, Oakland.
 January 21, 1943—Annual Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women, First Congregational Church, Berkeley.
 February 16-18—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
 March 10—Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent.
 April/25—Easter Sunday.

PILGRIM Y. P. CONFERENCE

Yes, we are going ahead. We shall miss young people from some of the churches where the high schools are opening on December 28, but more than two-thirds of our groups will not be affected so the Pilgrim Fellowship Mid-Winter Conference will be held at First Congregational Church, 26th and Harrison Streets, Oakland, beginning at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, December 28, and continuing until after luncheon on Wednesday the 30th, unless unforeseen circumstances arise. An unusually strong program has been prepared, with interesting speakers, wide-awake discussion leaders, and ample opportunity for good fellowship.

Registration blanks are going out. The cost will be \$2.00 for meals and 50 cents for registration (a total of \$2.50) if registrations are received prior to December 22. After that date the total cost will be \$2.75. Registrations should be sent to the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco. Entertainment in homes will be furnished, including lodging and breakfast.

Conference theme is: "JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD."

Following is the schedule:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

2:00- 5:00 P.M.—Registration of Delegates.
 3:30- 5:00 P.M.—Motion Pictures of Zephyr Point, Topaz Japanese Center, and other young people's groups. (Optional.)
 5:00- 5:30 P.M.—Discussion Group Meetings (for organization), first period.
 6:00- 7:00 P.M.—Opening Dinner, with songs, greetings, and introductions; Ted Winslow, presiding.
 7:00- 7:15 P.M.—Recess.
 7:15- 7:45 P.M.—Chapel Service, led by Rev. Ralph Conard, Chaplain.
 7:45- 8:15 P.M.—First Address on the Conference Theme, by Prof. George Williams
 8:15-10:00 P.M.—Recreation, directed by Rev. William Meyer.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00- 9:30 A.M.—Chapel Service, led by Rev. Ralph Conard, Chaplain.
 9:30-10:00 A.M.—Second Address on the Conference Theme, by Prof. George Williams.
 10:00-11:00 A.M.—Discussion Group Meetings, second period.
 11:00-11:15 A.M.—Recess.
 11:15-12:00 A.M.—Address by Rev. Vere V. Loper.
 12 Noon- 1 P.M.—Luncheon, with group singing.
 1:00- 2:00 P.M.—Free Time.
 2:00- 3:00 P.M.—Discussion Group Meetings, third period.
 3:00- 3:15 P.M.—Recess.
 3:15- 3:45 P.M.—Third Address on the Conference Theme, by Prof. Geo. Williams.
 3:45- 5:00 P.M.—Pilgrim Fellowship of Northern California, business meeting; Ted Winslow, presiding.
 5:00- 6:00 P.M.—Free Time.
 6:00- 7:30 P.M.—Conference Banquet, with address by Rev. Holland Burr.
 7:30- 8:00 P.M.—Chapel Service, led by Rev. Ralph Conard, Chaplain.
 8:00- 8:15 P.M.—Recess.
 8:15-10:00 P.M.—Recreation, directed by Rev. William Meyer.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00- 9:30 A.M.—Chapel Service, led by Rev. Ralph Conard, Chaplain.
 9:30-10:00 A.M.—Fourth Address on the Conference Theme, by Prof. Geo. Williams.
 10:00-11:00 A.M.—Discussion Group Meetings, fourth period.
 11:00-11:15 A.M.—Recess.
 11:15-12:00 A.M.—Communion Service, conducted by Rev. Clarence Reidenbach and Rev. Ralph Conard.
 12:00 Noon—Final Luncheon, with summary reports from the Discussion Groups.

STAFF:

President Pilgrim Fellowship—Ten Winslow.
 Director—Rev. Sidney Buckham.
 Chaplain—Rev. Ralph Conard.
 Speaker of Conference Theme—Prof. George H. Williams.
 Recreation Leader—Rev. William Meyer.
 Director of Curriculum—Rev. Fred Morrow.
 Publicity—Virginia Phlegar.
 Registrar—Rev. Verdetta Walters.
 Housing—Miss Mae Baudin.

"Worldwide Christian fellowship is a living reality today. Cruelty cannot crush it. War cannot destroy it. Darkness cannot conquer its light. We are preparing for the new day in China, in India, in the Philippines, in Africa, in Turkey, in Syria, in Bulgaria, in Greece, in Mexico. We must keep faith with our Lord."

—A.B.C.F.M.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. F. Howard Seely, members of our Oakland First Church, are to celebrate their golden anniversary on December 13. Mr. Seely was the author of the widely used pamphlet published by our Missions Council, "Dollar a Year Christianity."

MY OPPORTUNITY

To exalt the welfare of all above the interests of any class or individual, whether it be myself or another, that Democracy may not signify "Every person for himself" but "Every person for every other person"; that it may not be a synonym for personal liberty but the embodiment of personal service.

To promote the practice of the principles and precepts of Jesus as the full realization of the ideal of Democracy which we commend to all nations, and for which we give our sons, our service and our substance, assured that only by righteous living can it be made safe for the world.

To reveal this conviction constantly to my fellow man, not by anything that I can say, or do, but by what I am.

To rejoice that Christmas is for me a true birthday of Christ in my life, and that from "The Manger of Bethlehem" I draw power, for the coming year and each year of my life, to meet my opportunity.

—H.H.G.

Churches and War Relief

Thousands of people, adult and children in war-torn Europe, will be, if they are not already, stunted both physically and mentally for lack of proper food and sanitation. But there are thousands now and will be in the months and years to come who can be saved from the disastrous effects of starvation and disease. So says Herbert Hoover in a recent number of *Collier's*.

Not only this, but there are hundreds of churches and mission stations which before the war depended on our efforts financially to keep their work going. Now this aid has stopped to a great extent. These are the agencies which keep alive the goal of peace and happiness. If we allow them to fail for lack of our support, we are laying the foundations for a future war even more terrible than the present one.

War prisoners need our help. Your boy may be a war prisoner somewhere. They need mental stimulus because many of them may well be the leaders of tomorrow. At any rate, they must resume their places as citizens in their respective communities. Are they to be allowed to grow bitter and resentful for lack of spiritual and mental food which we have in our power to give?

There are the refugees who have come to this country hoping to find a livelihood and a free country in which they can rear their families as good citizens. If we turn our backs on them, refusing them an opportunity to adjust themselves to the American way of life and to secure work, their children and their children's children may well be the ones who think of this country as one in which there is race prejudice, human exploitation.

Your dollars and mine will help the Congregational Christian Committee on War Victims and Services. This committee seeks to meet these needs, making use of competent committees already in operation.

Ask your pastor when your church will have a chance to share.

How deep into YOUR pocket will you dig?

BOARD COMMITTEES

Following is list of committees appointed by the Board of Directors to serve for the Conference year. There are one or two additions to be made to the names appearing herewith. Those who have copies of the last Hand Book and Directory would do well to clip this list and paste it in the book.

Appropriations: Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Mrs. Scott Haymond, Rev. E. W. Benedict.
Evangelism and Devotional Life: Rev. H. J. Loken, Mr. C. T. Tinker, Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, Rev. Ralph V. Conard, Rev. A. R. Boone, Rev. Pierson Parker.
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Religious Education: Rev. Wm. W. Meyer, Prof. H. E. Wornom, Rev. T. Davis Preston, Miss Mae E. Baudin, Miss Alice English, Miss Edith M. Clark, Mrs. J. C. Bennett.
Social Action: Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Rev. Robert W. Inglis, Miss Mary Coxhead, Mr. F. B. Fulmer, Rev. T. T. Giffen, Mr. Herbert Jones.
Young People's Work: Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. Verdetta Walters, Mr. Ted Winslow, Miss Virginia Piper, Mr. Ernie Taron, Miss Dorothy Emigh, Rev. Edward Reighard.

December 13th is being celebrated as Universal Bible Sunday.

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FROM JAPAN

Following are some quotations from a
letter written to Rev. John H. Gregg of
Fresno by his brother, now held in Japan.
It will be reassuring to those who fear
that war prisoners will be mistreated:

"As you well know, our Pan American
Airways work stopped with a boom on
the eventful morning of December 8th
and December 10th saw our freedom
changed to the prisonership of an internee.
... Since the end of January, 74 of us,
including all the Pan American employees,
have been housed in a moderate sized
institution in Kobe, where we are receiv-
ing excellent treatment. Since arriving
here I have been the leader of the group.
We have possessed a great deal of self-
rule. We enjoy three meals daily, have
comfortable sleeping accommodations, are
adequately clothed, have a large house
library and have purchased other techni-
cal books. The house is near a park where
we are allowed to exercise and play ball.
The latter, thanks to a Japanese citizen
who donated some money from which we
purchased baseball equipment, a medicine
ball and some indoor games. Several
church organizations have given us dona-
tions of funds and clothing, while the
Swiss Consulate has given us funds dur-
ing the past three months in order that we
as individuals could buy our toilet ar-
ticles, some clothing and extra food lux-
uries. The Japanese government provides
us with medical and dental treatment and
has taken us on a hike to the nearby moun-
tains where we saw the cherry blossoms.
... On Sunday evenings we hold vesper
church services and recently have fol-
lowed this with an hour of symphonic
record music."

The letter then goes on to deal in per-
sonal matters, giving items of interest to
each member of the family by name, which
would seem to authenticate it.

MISSIONS DEFINED

Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher, minister of
the Missions Council, out of all discus-
sions at the recent retreat of the Joint
Staff compiled the following definition:

"Missions is the compulsion of Christ
in the Church, reaching out through well-
trained men and women across barriers of
race, nation, and class into areas of frus-
tration, tensions, and spiritual poverty.
They are to redeem and recreate the tides
of life and the aspirations of men through
the gospel of Jesus."

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Are you wondering about the expiration
date of your Pacific subscription? Of
course if there is a pink slip inserted, you
will know that the subscription has al-
ready expired, but to find how yours stands
now, look at the name and address on the
front page. Below the name of your city
or town a month is written. That is the
month of expiration. Now look along
that line to the right. The last number in
that line, whether "42," "43," or even
later, indicates the year your subscription
expires. Will you check those figures right
now so that you may know how the sub-
scription stands?

Hit Hard Now

Nearing the goal post! Down on the
10-yard line! Only a month to go until
January 11. The figures below will show
that we are doing pretty well, that we are
still ahead of last year, which is just what
we have all been wanting to see for a long
time. We can make these next weeks a
period of real triumph. It would not be
at all impossible to show an increase of
10 per cent for the year. Young people's
groups will want to be sending in Pilgrim
Fellowship Project money. Sunday Schools
can spare something from their treasuries,
and the Women's Thank Offering will be
coming in. Individuals will respond with
special contributions before the income
tax year closes. We shall be grateful for
every bit of cooperation.

Church	Jan. 11 to Jan. 11 to		
	Nov. 1942	Nov. 30, 1942	Nov. 30, 1941
Adin		\$ 17.12	\$ 28.63
Alameda	30.00	460.29	432.50
Alturas		36.58	12.05
Angels Camp		115.00	114.50
Antioch	4.76	54.94	57.43
Auburn	10.00	123.07	90.00
Benicia	20.00	50.00	30.00
Berkeley, Chinese			25.00
First		4,179.73	4,049.35
Kensington		20.00	
North	44.70	437.25	463.93
Park		47.80	51.92
Callahan			5.13
Campbell	80.00	226.00	148.00
Cedarville		65.00	100.00
Cloverdale	4.85	54.05	52.47
Cotati		86.65	55.03
Crockett		93.04	98.95
Etna		5.32	6.85
Eureka	47.98	352.88	286.90
Fairfax		15.00	15.00
Ferndale		307.89	266.26
Fresno, First		639.32	761.42
Japanese		35.00	10.00
Pilgrim	181.92	250.00	110.00
Zion		75.00	50.00
Glen Ellen			20.00
Guerneville	20.00	20.00	16.00
Hayfork			5.00
Hayward		200.00	150.00
Kenwood		18.95	3.00
Lodi, First		910.00	1,095.00
Loomis		30.71	37.30
Martinez	11.90	342.40	335.00
Murphys		81.00	81.00
Niles			8.70
Oakland, Bethany	50.00	50.00	50.00
First		4,525.00	4,642.00
Fruitvale	5.00	50.00	40.28
Japanese		10.00	
Pilgrim		36.17	37.69
Plymouth	65.30	783.35	732.24
Oroville		50.00	33.00
Pacific Grove	27.90	163.39	178.88
Palo Alto	250.00	1,253.85	558.50
Paradise	25.00	225.00	204.00
Reedley		10.00	10.00
Penngrove		48.40	26.76
Pescadero		5.00	2.50
Petaluma	128.10	648.77	554.44
Pittsburg	13.75	138.41	138.06
Port Chicago	3.10	11.22	12.00
Porterville	150.00	310.00	280.00
Redwood City		728.61	649.41
Reedley			5.00
Rio Vista	37.50	37.50	112.50
Ripon	11.36	176.72	115.66
Sacramento	137.65	770.79	719.74
Salida		70.00	40.00
San Carlos	19.55	95.95	70.54
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Park		174.83	225.68
First	106.95	1,211.04	1,892.06
Ocean View		65.00	61.90
Richmond	50.00	765.00	75.00
San Jose	50.00	593.20	580.71
San Leandro		54.06	100.12
San Lorenzo			20.00
San Mateo	112.63	708.35	700.39
San Rafael	20.00	60.00	60.00
Santa Cruz	75.00	585.00	635.00
Santa Rosa		129.25	126.25
Saratoga		445.90	289.49
Sebastopol	20.00	142.27	145.24
Sonoma		116.02	89.20
Squel		75.00	75.00
Stockton	50.22	473.39	547.65
Suisun		85.00	89.10
Sunnyside	28.00	65.50	44.17
Sinclair			25.00
Tulare	80.00	388.50	480.00
Weaverville		122.00	82.50
Woodside		30.00	34.00
Reno, Nevada		310.41	395.06
Miscellaneous and Individual	100.00	1,605.16	1,399.43
	\$2,073.12	\$27,114.00	\$26,478.60

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce has continued his sermons on Scientific Religion, giving those who attend each Sunday in printed form paragraphs calculated to be of help in the development of the spiritual life. Subjects used since the last issue of The Pacific are "Sources of Strength," "Advantages of Humility" and "Life Preparation." The attendance indicates a widespread appreciation of and response to the subjects and the method.

CLOVERDALE. Rev. Harold S. Davidson, who recently resigned the pulpit, is making an extended visit with his son and daughter-in-law at San Luis Obispo. A farewell reception was given him by his many friends in the community. Rev. Benjamin Gould of Los Altos, Rev. J. Ford Forsyth of Pacific School of Religion, Mr. A. C. Hausske, returned missionary from China, and Supt. Harley H. Gill have been caring for the pulpit.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Two young people's groups are thriving and growing. A fine Halloween party was held in the church hall. The young people participated in the annual bazaar sponsored by the Ladies' Guild. During the past month the church had visits from Rev. Stewart E. Locke and Rev. G. A. Charnock, both former ministers. Mr. Eugene Sill is pastor.

SACRAMENTO. President Ernest W. Riggs of Anatolia College, Greece, was preacher on Sunday, November 15. Each week there is printed in the bulletin a list of men in the Service. There was a united Thanksgiving day service in the Alhambra Theater, with Bishop Bruce Baxter as the preacher. A directory of the church membership is being prepared. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

CEDARVILLE. Rev. Stewart E. Locke began service with this church on November 1 as interim pastor, and is being well received in the community. A beginning is being made of a young people's group. He has spoken before the High School and the Rotary Club. The Rotarians are undertaking to paint the church. Services will be held, at least occasionally, at Eagleville.

WEAVERVILLE. The officers and teachers of the Church School were entertained in the home of the superintendent, Mr. Kelso V. B. Young. Later in the month Mr. Young directed a Sunday School party. Attendance is growing at the Sunday evening meetings of the Pilgrim Fellowship. Rev. P. N. Bennett, the pastor, has visited in Lewiston and Hayfork.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. A beautiful new rug has been purchased for the main room of the house. The Church School held a Thanksgiving pageant, centered about the "Feast of booths." Mr. Herbert Dimock is the director.

SONOMA. There are more than 25 names on the Service Roll, one of them a young woman in the "WAVES." One of the Service boys, well known to many of our California churches, Dan Ruggles, was home on furlough recently. Rev. E. W. Perry is pastor.

SANGER. This church celebrated its 25th anniversary on December 6th. Rev. Richard P. Uhlmann is pastor.

SING SOFTLY AS A PRAYER

(Tune: "America.")

"For our dear children's sake,
Who have new worlds to make
We also pray.
May they grow wise and pure
Make the world peace endure
Build mankind strong and sure
For earth's new day."
—Wilfred Withington.

PITTSBURG. This church had 38 open house evenings for the benefit of service men during three months of the summer. A Christmas party will be given each week during December for the benefit of soldiers and sailors stationed nearby. It is planned to have soldiers and their wives who are living in the vicinity at monthly social occasions. Many of the women of the Pittsburg church are serving as hostesses at the U.S.O. Rev. Elmer Benedict is the pastor.

SAN MATEO. A large scroll with the names of men in the Service forces has been installed in the narthex. The World Service Committee is preparing a Christmas package for each boy and included will be a picture of the church and a message from the minister, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham. Due to rubber shortage, a letter canvass will be made for the support of the church rather than a personal canvass.

SEBASTOPOL. The Every Member Canvass was held at an earlier date than usual because of impending gasoline rationing and the results have been very satisfactory. Mr. J. P. Senter, the pastor, was made happy by a salary increase. There were Thanksgiving offerings in church and church school and two-thirds of the money was allocated to China Relief. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hausske were with the church on November 15.

FRESNO, ZION. The Sunday School and Christian Endeavor rally program was held in this church and over 500 were present. Rev. J. Weber of Biola was the speaker. Rev. J. F. Reister of Elk Grove was guest speaker at the missions festival. Collections for the day amounted to \$550. Thirty-eight boys of the church are in the Service, and they were honored by a special program in the church.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Since the coming of Rev. Ivan Wong, the Sunday school has been reorganized and the attendance has increased from week to week. As usual, the church has a basketball team entered in the Church League of Berkeley and is making a very good showing. There are seven stars on the Service flag. Mr. and Mrs. Wong were honored at a reception at First Congregational Church, Berkeley, on December 6.

SAN RAFAEL. This church is rejoicing in progress being made under the leadership of Rev. Willard W. Turner. Newcomers in Marin County are helping in the growth of attendance and financial support. Each department is being benefited. During the autumn there was a series of evangelistic meetings with Rev. and Mrs. Cutler Whitwell.

ALAMEDA. This church quickly responded to the challenge of a gift of \$65 by making up the balance for one unit of the Unit Plan, thus keeping the pension of one minister at the promised level. "Why the Chimes Rang" will be given at a Christmas Sunday evening service. Rev. Ralph V. Conard has called his church to a special observance of the Advent Season.

PALO ALTO. The annual Thank Offering of the Women's Society was presented at a beautiful candle-light service. \$167 was contributed, the highest in the history of the church. Superintendent Harley H. Gill was guest preacher on the last Sunday of November. His address was in preparation for the Every Member Canvass. Rev. Augustine Jones is the pastor.

MARTINEZ. A youth Sunday observance was held on December 6, sounding the note for the Advent Season. Young people assisted the pastor in the service, and special parts were taken by different departments of the church school. The Every Member Canvass is now under way. Rev. Verdetta Walters is the pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

CAMPBELL. The effect of the summer camp at Monte Toyon is very evident in the fine spirit in which the young people's groups are planning their winter's program. An achievement chart was worked out at camp, which hangs on the wall of the meeting room. A gold star is placed beside the item when a project is achieved. The various items are:

- \$2.00 each month for world service
- 75 per cent average attendance at group meetings
- 66 2/3 per cent average attendance at church
- 50 per cent contributing service to the church
- One monthly social.

During the first month each project was over-fulfilled. The Methodist and the Congregational Churches are uniting for evening worship. Rev. J. H. Bennett is pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. On Armistice Day, the Service Honor Roll was dedicated, containing the names of 52 men, including three who have already given their lives. A beautiful baptismal font, gift of Mrs. W. A. Conn, was dedicated on a Sunday when Mrs. Conn's granddaughter received Christian baptism. The pulpit and communion table have been refinished to match the font. Two hundred and twenty people were served at the annual Harvest Home Turkey Dinner. Dr. Gertrude Dillard of the State College spoke on "The Early Pilgrims and Thanksgiving." Kirby Page was speaker at the Thank Offering meeting of the Women's Club. Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, was speaker at the Union Thanksgiving Day Service.

FAIRFAX. More than half of the children of Fairfax attended a Hallowe'en party on October 30. Sixteen young people were in on the reorganization of the Pilgrim Fellowship group, participating in a progressive dinner. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce gave the address at the annual church Thanksgiving dinner, when more than 100 were served. The Thanksgiving offering enabled the church to go "over the top" on its benevolence giving. Rev. William W. Meyer, the pastor, gave an address at the Pilgrim Fellowship rally at Mill Valley.

HAYWARD. The budget committee after careful survey recommended an increase in the total budget of 12 1/2 per cent over 1942, and an increase in the pastor's salary of 20 per cent. The recommendation was that the program of the Committee for Assistance to War Victims and Services be supported by individual gifts outside the budget. Thirty-four subscriptions to The Pacific came in the first of November, sent by the efficient agent of this church. The pastor is Rev. Godfrey Matthews.

LODI, EBENEZER. At the annual Missions Festival, with Rev. John F. Reister of Elk Grove as the speaker, the church was crowded at all three services. The gifts for the day reached the sum of \$813—two and a half times as much as in the year previous. Considering the improvements that have been made, and the fact that during the past year the church became self-supporting, this was a great achievement. Although the building was recently enlarged, it is now too small. Rev. F. W. Gross is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. On Thanksgiving Sunday, 50 soldiers from a nearby camp were present. They were invited to church homes for dinner. The Guilds of the church entertained a group of colored Service men at dinner and at an outdoor party. One group of the Women's Club cleared \$200 at a downtown sale. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

ANTIOCH. Rev. William R. Steinger, pastor, has volunteered for the chaplaincy and has received his preliminary examinations. He has resigned the pastorate, to take effect as of the date of his appointment, which is expected in the not distant future. Under his leadership the church has made real progress in membership, in organization, and in the improvement of its property. To no small degree he has been responsible for the splendid hospitality program for service men carried on by the community. He has been active in Conference affairs and very helpful in young people's summer institutes. His experience with young people will make him invaluable as a chaplain. At a Thanksgiving service recently held, Rev. Augustine Jones of Palo Alto spoke and showed colored slides of religious shrines around the world.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. John G. Dickey is on the Price and Rationing Board, which greatly extends his acquaintanceship in the area. One of the biggest boosts the church at Angels Camp has had is the coming of a new High School principal who, with his wife and son, is taking active part in the work of the church and Sunday School. The Pilgrim Fellowship of the Murphy church entertained the Angels Camp young people at a party, with forty-three attending. Pictures of the 1942 Lakewood Conference were shown. When the White Pines community hall is a bit better furnished there will be at least occasional services.

EUREKA. This church cooperated in the Christian Education Advance convention sponsored by the California Church Council. Superintendent Harley H. Gill was speaker at the evening supper meeting on that day. President Tully C. Knoles was the morning preacher. Miss Isabel Hemingway of China was guest of the church on November 29. The remodeling of the Sunday School rooms is going forward as material and labor can be secured, and will result in a splendid improvement, all adequately financed. Rev. Chas. H. Hudson is pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The School of Christian Living has had very successful sessions under the leadership of Dr. Spencer Pollard of the University of California. The general theme was the kind of world which we must have after the war if this is to be a lasting peace. Miss Mary Coxhead recently visited the Japanese Relocation Center at Topaz, Utah. She preached at the English service and brought home with her very beautiful colored motion pictures.

PORTERVILLE. The Service Roll on Armistice Sunday showed 38 men with the armed forces. On Thanksgiving Sunday the sanctuary was filled, and an offering of \$212 was made, which exceeded the goal set for the day. A worship center has been developed for the children's department. Rev. W. L. Goldsmith, the pastor, is president of the local Ministerial Association.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Furnaces have been installed in the large social hall, which make it much more usable. A Monday a month this room is used by the Red Cross as it secures donations of blood. On one single day ninety-three persons gave blood. Rev. J. H. McCartney is the pastor.

TULARE. An enthusiastic Pilgrim Fellowship group of the church, led by the pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, spent an afternoon picking cotton for the benefit of their society treasury. A substantial sum was netted to pay for all the lame backs.

PARADISE. November 20 was indeed a red letter day for this church. The mortgage on the large hall and parish house built fifteen years ago was burned. The evening began with a turkey dinner served in relays to a total of more than 250 people. The hall was filled to overflowing for a program consisting of scenes from the history of the church. The congregation then proceeded into the church sanctuary for a service of worship, held by candlelight, with beautiful music and a sermon by Superintendent Harley H. Gill. There is still a small indebtedness on the parsonage, which will be cleared in the next two or three years. This church has one of the finest and most attractive church plants for a small town district in our Conference. Great credit is due to Rev. and Mrs. W. H. L. Marshall for their leadership.

SOQUEL. The Every Member Canvass is being made for an increased budget, with the prospects good for raising the full amount. Lieut. Marvin Maris, chaplain at Camp McQuaide, preached at the morning service on November 29, and spoke at the monthly fellowship lunch following the service, telling something of the work of the chaplain with the armed forces. The high school girls choir is making a fine contribution to the morning services with their splendid singing. Elaborate preparations are being made for the second annual Christmas bazaar and festival to be held the 12th. Rev. T. Davis Preston is pastor.

LODI, FIRST. Mrs. Ernest Riggs of Anatolia College, Greece, spoke three times on one Sunday, once at the morning service, then to a group of young people, and finally at a union church service. On Thanksgiving Sunday, a fellowship dinner was served, with the pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone, acting as master of ceremonies for the program which followed. A special offering of \$200 was received. At the United Christian Advance Convention for the City of Lodi, close to 2,500 persons were present at the various gatherings. A large union Thanksgiving Day service was held in the High School auditorium.

PORT CHICAGO. With Lt. Moffatt of the U. S. Navy, just back from the Solomons, and Superintendent Gill as chief speakers, 52 men gathered in the new social hall for the third monthly dinner of the Men's Club on November 24. Negro sailors stationed nearby furnished singing entertainment. Preparation is being made for the Every Member Canvass. The young people are planning to send delegates to the Pilgrim Fellowship conference. Sherwood Wirt is the pastor.

BENICIA. On Thanksgiving day new comers and those who would be alone came together as a family group for a real Thanksgiving dinner, with turkey and all the trimmings. Thirty were seated at the table, among them three newly wed soldiers and their wives from back east. The young people's group held a Hallowe'en party which was very largely attended. Rev. Isaac Fleming is pastor and Miss Grace Kendrick, director of religious education.

ELK GROVE. Superintendent Gill was guest and preacher on the evening of November 8. The offerings at the mission festival amounted to \$328.00. Rev. J. F. Reister, the pastor, was the speaker at the mission festivals at Lodi and Fresno, Zion, Churches.

SAN CARLOS. The Sunday School has almost doubled and morning worship attendance has been greatly increased since the completion of the new structure. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Ninety boys from this parish have gone into the Service, four of them already overseas. The Church Council is sending a Christmas letter to each one, the Christian Endeavor Society typing the letters. Two clubs of the church are subscribing for "The Reader's Digest" for each boy, as a Christmas gift. Committees are calling on all members of the parish who have been somewhat lacking in church loyalty. The Sunday School is facing a problem of attendance because of gasoline rationing. The Men's Brotherhood and Young Married Women's Guild are cooperating in order to minister in these times of suffering. On the whole, there is a splendid spirit among the officers, organizations, committees and members. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian is pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Miss Isabel Hemingway, who returned on the "Gripsholm," was speaker at the Thank Offering program of the Women's League. During a candlelight service, there were four talks on the Thank Offering projects. The offering amounted to \$252, the largest they have received. On Thanksgiving Sunday, members of the church made their pledges for the coming year. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, has concluded his morning lectures on "Great Sayings of Paul." Rev. Henry B. Mowbray, at one time assistant pastor, was present on a recent Sunday and a good many of his friends were there to greet him.

REDWOOD CITY. The Women's Guild annual luncheon was devoted to war services, with Mr. Ben Carpenter, San Francisco representative of the Red Cross, as speaker. Christmas boxes have been packed by the deaconesses for 30 of the church boys in the armed services. The canvass for the 1943 budget, augmented to include painting the parsonage and maintaining a musical program for the church during the summer, is in progress. Rev. Charles E. Ward, the pastor, has preached a series of interesting sermons on the beginnings of this church, its history and progress.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. All booths were sold out and a hundred persons served at luncheon at the best bazaar in years. Four new members were received on November 15. The whole month of December is given up to the Christmas spirit, in music and in the sermons delivered by Rev. J. B. Orr, pastor. This church, by the pastor and two members, Mr. George Kibbe and Mr. Mason P. Gordon, participated in the ceremonial honoring Joaquin Miller.

SANTA ROSA. Following a beautiful Thanksgiving Service, there was a fellowship dinner in which 35 took part. The young people left at 3 p. m. to attend a rally at Mill Valley. New furniture has been purchased for one of the club rooms. At the annual bazaar and flower show, there will be an exhibit of Christmas decorations and Della Robbia wreaths will be for sale.

RIO VISTA. In order that he might learn the interests of young people, Rev. Edwin T. Sherman prepared a list of fifty subjects for consideration and discussion at Pilgrim Fellowship meetings, asking the young people to check first, second, third, fourth and fifth choices, and to add suggestions of their own.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The 1942 series of seminars has closed. On the last night there was almost unanimous regret that these helpful meetings might not go on. The attendance was excellent. Rev. V. V. Loper is giving a series of Sunday evening radio talks over KRE at 7:30 on "War Marriages."

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

There will be NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

From November Meeting

The usual monthly meeting of the Federation, and the last for this year, since there will be no meeting in December, was held November 19, at First Church, Oakland. As was to be expected, the attendance was smaller than in the past, but the meeting was very interesting.

ANNUAL MEETING

At the Executive Board meeting which preceded the general session, the principal business was decision regarding the Annual Meeting—time and place. After considerable thought and discussion, it was decided to hold the meeting for one day only and on the usual Federation day. The meeting, then, will be held at the Berkeley First Church on Thursday, January 21. Notices will be sent later to Commissioners and Presidents.

THE FOREIGN FIELD

Mrs. Ernest Evans brought us news from our workers in foreign fields. She emphasized that missionary work is not at a standstill because of war conditions. Circumstances and types of work have undergone some changes. Missionaries from Bulgaria, for example, have arrived at Istanbul and will work in Turkey. The American Board is still carrying on work in China, although situations vary greatly in different parts of that country, and in North China, as we know, the Japanese have taken over schools, hospitals, and churches. So, also, the Germans have taken over the buildings of Anatolia College, Greece, and most of the Faculty are placed with the Red Cross.

DR. ALMA COOKE

Naturally, the part of Mrs. Evans' report which came closest home to us was the word from Dr. Alma Cooke, whom so many of us know personally. Mrs. Evans had had two letters from Dr. Cooke, one written on board the "Gripsholm," dated August 24, but not released until several months later; the other, dated November 6, from Zanesville, Ohio, the home of her sister. In the later letter, she tells of her plan to study for a time at the Mayo Clinic, after which she will be speaking in many parts of the country. But she writes: "I am growing very impatient to see my friends on the Pacific Coast; indeed, it does not seem right for me to be in the U. S. A. and not in California." Even more, however, her heart is in the China where she has worked for so long; after speaking of Mr. Harold Robinson's start for Free China, she adds: "How I wish I were with him!"

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Evans' report brought to mind an earlier Foreign Field Secretary, Mrs. Charles Kofoid, whose death came recently, and whom we all loved. Her enthusiasm and breadth of interest endeared her to us all. We remember the delightful report she gave only a few months ago, on her experiences at the Durham Conference. She will be greatly missed.

TOPAZ

Miss Mary Coxhead, Social Relations Secretary, gave a most interesting account of her recent visit to Topaz, Utah, where about 8,000 Japanese are domiciled for the duration. She spent three days there, taking pictures and talking to the people. Denominations have disappeared; there is one church, one women's organization, and one young people's group. In the last-named group, Catholics, Protestants and Buddhists all meet together for church business once a month. The women's group are trying to provide for books, tools, and so on, for a "hobby center." About forty of them are expert knitters and will be glad to do knitting for any one who will send them the wool. The

money received will be used to get recreational material for this Hobby Center. If any of the women in our churches would like such work done, contact Miss Coxhead, 3805 Piedmont Ave., Oakland, or telephone Piedmont 5300. The friendliness, says Miss Coxhead, would be greatly appreciated. Miss Coxhead told of going to church in a dust storm that effectually obscured Mr. Tanaka, three feet ahead of her. Later, water will be brought to the district and agriculture can be carried on.

READING LIST

Mrs. Philip Greisinger brought the new reading list, to be used until the main list comes from the east in April. She drew our attention to certain books which are especially valuable. Some of these are: "What Man Can Make of Man," by Prof. W. E. Hocking; "What We Can Believe," by R. C. Miller; "America in the New Pacific," by G. E. Taylor; "The Making of Tomorrow," by R. de Roussy de Sales, and "Millhands and Preachers," by Liston Pope. These will be found in Groups I and III of the new list. As Mrs. Greisinger had expected Mrs. A. D. Hartwell, Secretary of Literature and the Home, to be present and speak on Group II, she omitted that from her own talk. Of the many books in Group IV, Mrs. Greisinger put special emphasis on James Burke's life of his missionary father, "My Father in China," and Elliott Merrick's "Northern Nurse," a story of the Grenfell Mission in Labrador.

Will all Reading List Chairmen, or those who act for them, please note that the reports on reading for 1942 should be in to Mrs. Greisinger by December 15.

CHURCH WOMEN AT WORK

Mrs. J. H. McCartney gave a suggestion that many of our societies might like to follow: different women in the Broadmoor group take individual South American countries and make themselves familiar with the geography, history and people of the country of their choice and report on it to the society from time to time.

Mrs. Elmer Benedict, President of the Upper Bay Association, spoke of the plans the Pittsburg women are making for Christmas time for the thousands of soldiers continually passing through Camp Stoneman. Each Circle in the Women's Organization is planning a special party for some 30 to 50 soldiers. These parties will be continued all through the season, until all the men have been reached. In addition, choirs will go out to the camps and sing carols. When members of families or friends of the boys come to see them, these friends are entertained in the homes of the church women.

Mrs. A. V. Dunn spoke of the Interracial U.S.O. in Sacramento, the only one in the country. The Women's Friendship Group of the Congregational Church sponsors the Canteen. They have a hall downtown, with a lounge and a room for the canteen. There is no dancing, which eliminates a possible cause of friction, and there is no race problem. Every Friday night there is an interracial program, full of interest. It was with great regret that we learned that this was the last meeting we should have Mrs. Dunn with us. She is moving to Vancouver, Wash. She takes with her our most heartfelt good wishes for her life in her new surroundings. She has made herself felt as a power for good among us, and will do so where she goes.

GREETINGS

A letter from Mrs. Charles L. Mears of Chula Vista asked that she be remembered to the women of the Federation of Northern California. She is taking the chairmanship of the women's missionary department in her own church.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Student work at Plymouth House is weakened by the number of young men dropping out of the University. However, excellent contacts have been made with Service men. Following one football game 500 men came to the church for tea and recreation. On another occasion, in spite of rain, there were 300 men. Dr. Loper's seminar on "Marriage in War Time," was attended not only by Plymouth House people but by representatives from the entire student body. More than 50 young people were present. At the Sunday evening worship services, a series of forum talks are being given on "The Great Religions." Rev. Edward Reighard is the director.

SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM

The Conference Social Action Committee has decided that one of its major projects of the year will be the encouraging of churches to have study or discussion groups—high school age, college age, young adults, women and men's groups—to use the best material available, that we may prepare our minds for the part which Americans must play in bringing about reconstruction and making possible a more permanent peace.

NEW RECRUIT

Northern California people are interested in the announcement by the American Board that Dr. Adalin Pendleton has been appointed as an accepted candidate for future medical missionary work in China or India. Dr. Pendleton is the daughter of Mrs. Jessie Larrimore Pendleton of Claremont, and a sister of our own Dr. Lois Pendleton Todd of Palo Alto, who also served as a medical missionary for a time. Her brother, Robert Pendleton, was a missionary in India and the Philippines. Dr. Pendleton was educated at Claremont High School, Pomona College, and the University of California. She is now with the Los Angeles General Hospital.

The afternoon was taken up with a talk by Mrs. Meryl Bish of the Salvation Army Post U.S.O. She said at the beginning of the talk that her work was a "full-time job," and she certainly proved it to be so. The branch of the U.S.O. has been organized for five months. A few of the things done by the workers there: helping the boys to get ready for their "dates," finding "dates" for them, finding rooms for the members of their families who accompany or follow them, writing letters to about 800 mothers about their sons who are here today and gone tomorrow, doing up their Christmas packages for them and seeing that these are sent to their destinations, performing any other commissions that the boys either have not time for or do not know how to do, supplying home-made cakes and cookies free, and on the side running the canteen. Full-time job?

A WITNESS AND A WISH

January 1942

Recently my whole life experience was unified into conclusions more certain to me than any other possible realities.

This unification revealed Infinite Love as brooding so abundantly in and over all, as to make the universe seem small.

Those who trust this Love are comforted, I found.

As we watched and prayed, we seemed actually to see this brooding Love working out around us in divine purpose, guidance, providence and protection. There is no work, nor pain, nor waiting, nor failure, nor any other experience that is blind, arbitrary or useless; if we are willing to learn and do.

Divine purpose unfolds and fulfills itself into definite character development, service, "we-experiences," and joy. This is amazingly plain to us in the lives of many, many dear ones near and far. More growth or healing glorifies this but even physical decline often appears directly connected with fulfillment of divine purpose.

When God's earthly purposes in us have been completed the disintegration of our physical bodies may be the unfolding of everlasting doors of new opportunities. Every social act, and every agony of the world war, is working creatively toward education for the supremacy of love in organized society.

This universal process appears to me to be inescapably obvious. It is also obviously incomplete as far as earthly observations are possible. Those who have given most must be completing their lives on a plane of reality not yet observable to us.

When our time is fulfilled, may we all join them.

This is my witness and my wish.

WILFRED WITHINGTON,
1878-1942.

THINK

"Civilization went down because of the inability of the pagan cities to withstand the onslaught of the barbarians. The new civilization was founded upon a rural Christianity. The best that remains in our present civilization is based upon a rural culture. It is important that we remember this historical fact. Whenever a civilization has allowed its rural life to deteriorate, that civilization has perished. This is not due to an economic factor but to a cultural factor."—Mark Dawber.



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